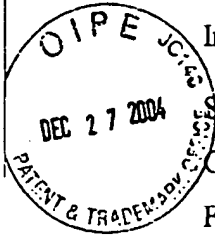


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



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Dear Sir:

I, James Jirik, do hereby declare that:

1. I am currently employed on a contract basis by Delphi and work at the Saginaw Steering Facility. I joined Delphi on a contract basis after retirement as Senior Project Engineer with Delphi's predecessor General Motors.

2. I was a Senior Project Engineer on an engineering team that supported the design, development and production of the ENGINE STARTER AND POWER TRANSMISSION INTELROCK SYSTEM that is described in U.S. Patent No. 3,703,092 (hereafter the '092 patent) and of the COINCIDENTAL LOCK that is described in U.S. Patent No. 3,638,462 (hereafter the '462 patent). Previously in my employment, I reported to Harold Elliot, the inventor of the '092 patent.

3. Attachments 1 and 2 of this Declaration are production drawings of the two lock bolt designs that were used in ENGINE STARTER AND POWER TRANSMISSION INTELROCK SYSTEM described in the '092 patent and the COINCIDENTAL LOCK described in the '462 patent.

4. Figure 2 of the '092 patent shows a vertical line extending on the lock bolt 64 between the end of the tapered tip of the lock bolt 64 and the cylindrical body portion or "head end" 66 of the lock bolt 64, approximately midway along the tapered tip. A similar

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